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Name	Birthdate	Dates Elected		Present Position	General Responsibilities*	
		Full Member	Candidate Member			
Full Members						
Mikhail Sergeyevich Gorbachev	2 Mar 31	Oct 80	Nov 79	General Secretary (Mar 85)	Party Leadership and Supervision	
Geydar Aliyevich Aliyev	10 May 23	Nov 82	Mar 76	First Deputy Chmn, USSR Council of Ministers (Nov 82)	Transportation, Education, Consumer Industry	
Viktor Mikhailovich Chebrikov	27 Apr 23	Apr 85	Dec 83	Chmn, Committee for State Security (Dec 82)	Intelligence, Security	
Andrey Andreyevich Gromyko	18 Jul 09	Apr 73		Chmn, USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium (Jul 85)	Head of State	
Dinmukhamed Akhmedovich Kunayev	12 Jan 12	Apr 71	Apr 66	Kazakh First Secretary (Dec 64)**	Kazakh Party Supervision	
Yegor Kuz'mich Ligachev	29 Nov 20	Apr 85		Party Secretary (Dec 83)	Ideology, Cadres	
Nikolay Ivanovich Ryzhkov	28 Sep 28	Apr 85		Chmn, USSR Council of Ministers (Sept 85)	USSR Government and Economic Administration	
Vladimir Vasil'yevich Shcherbitskiy	17 Feb 18	Apr 71	Dec 65***	Ukrainian First Secretary (May 72)	Ukrainian Party Supervision	
Eduard Amvrosiyevich Shevardnadze	25 Jan 28	Jul 85	Nov 78	Minister of Foreign Affairs (Jul 85)	Foreign Relations	
Mikhail Sergeyevich Solomentsev	7 Nov 13	Dec 83	Nov 71	Chmn, Party Control Committee (Jun 83)	Party Discipline	
Vitaliy Ivanovich Vorotnikov	20 Jan 26	Dec 83	Jun 83	Chmn, RSFSR Council of Ministers (Jun 83)	RSFSR Government and Economic Administration	
Lev Nikolayevich Zaykov	3 Apr 23	Mar 86		Party Secretary (Jul 85)	Defense Industry, General Economics	
Candidate Members						
Petr Nilovich Demichev	3 Jan 18		Nov 64	First Deputy Chmn, USSR Supreme Soviet Presidium (Jun 83)	General State Relations	
Vladimir Ivanovich Dolgikh	5 Dec 24		May 82	Party Secretary (Dec 72)	Heavy Industry	
Nikolay Nikitovich Slyun'kov	26 Apr 29		Mar 86	Belorussian First Secretary (Jan 83)	Belorussian Republic Supervision	
Sergey Leonidovich Sokolov	1 Jul 11		Apr 85	Minister of Defense (Dec 84)	Defense	
Yuriy Filippovich Solov'yev	20 Aug 25		Mar 86	Leningrad Oblast First Secretary (Jul 85)	Leningrad Regional Supervision	
Nikolay Vladimirovich Talyzin	28 Jan 29		Oct 85	Chmn, Gosplan (Oct 85); First Deputy Chmn, Council of Ministers (Oct 85)	Economic Planning	
Boris Nikolayevich Yel'tsin	Jan 31		Feb 86	Moscow City First Secretary (Dec 85)	Moscow City Supervision	
Secretaries who are not on the Politburo						
Aleksandra Pavlovna Biryukova	25 Feb 29			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Light Industry, Consumer Goods	
Anatoliy Fedorovich Dobrynin	16 Nov 19			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Foreign Affairs	
Vadim Andreyevich Medvedev	29 Mar 29			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Bloc Relations	
Viktor Petrovich Nikonov	28 Feb 29			Party Secretary (Apr 85)	Agriculture	
Georgiy Petrovich Razumovskiy	19 Jan 36			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Party Personnel	
Aleksandr Nikolayevich Yakovlev	2 Dec 23			Party Secretary (Mar 86)	Ideology, Propaganda, Culture	
Mikhail Vasil'yevich Zimyanin	21 Nov 14			Party Secretary (Mar 76)	Science, Education	

*General policy responsibilities have been assumed on the basis of public activities and backgrounds.

**Excludes a previous stint in this position.

***Does not account for previous tenure as a Candidate Politburo member.

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